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RATHER: Good evening, this is the CBS Evening News, Dan Rather reporting. Eden Pastora is perhaps the best known of the rebels trying to overthrow Nicaragua's Sandinista regime. Pastora is under heavy guard tonight in a Costa Rican hospital. He is being treated for injuries received when an assassin's bomb exploded last night at his rebel headquarters about a mile inside Nicaragua. Four people were killed including an American reporter. Costa Rica said it would expel Pastora when he recovers. Pastora said he would return to Nicaragua to resume his fight. More on this intriguing story from Michael Conner in Costa Rica.

CONNER: Pastora was surrounded by foreign journalists when there was a blast, and a flash and then chaos. The explosion reportedly came from the center of the group. among them, Linda Frazier, an American reporter working in Costa Rica, about 20 were injured. The dying and injured were evacuated to Costa Rica. Pastora was about to announce that the several thousand guerrillas he leads were not going to join the emerging alliance of rebels which have been fighting the Sandinista government in Nicaragua. Last week, Pastora told CBS News that the alliance would include too many people associated with Anastasio Somoza, the dictator who was overthrown by the Sandinistas. EDEN\PASTORA (in Spanish): We will never  
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CONNER: We will never join them, he said, until the Somozistas, who are responsible for the killing and tortures and the robbery of the Nicaraguan people, are expelled from the ranks. Pastora who was only slightly injured has been considered the most charismatic of the people fighting the Sandinistas. His group and others have received substantial financing from the CIA, and in recent weeks, the CIA has reportedly begun insisting that Pastora overcome his objections, and formally join the others. It's not clear who tried to kill Pastora. He says he doesn't know who to blame, but whoever planted the bomb may have only succeeded in confusing the Central American picture even more, and of making Pastora even more charismatic and more powerful. Michael Conner, CBS News, San Jose, Costa Rica.